President.—They were fully known.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—It was quite unknown.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It was printed and circulated this morning.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—We had not sufficient time to go through the memorandum. Let it stand over for to-morrow or the day after.

Mr. A.B. Salem.—The matter is very serious because the House has twice expressed itself upon this point.

President.—Only once.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Last time it was withdrawn. The matter came up twice.

President.—Once the decision of the House was given.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—The decision was against the grant, and of course we want to discuss it ourselves so that some reasonable time may be allowed.

President.—Shall we take it up to-morrow ?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Yes.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—If further information is necessary, it can be furnished. There is no difficulty at all in postponing it to to-morrow.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—It is Greek to us.

President.—Is it your idea to raise the other point—winding up of the Kuthampilly Society ?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—We have to discuss that matter. As the Chair knows, the Members have come in only this morning.

President.—You can have it to-morrow.

The demand was postponed to the next day.

5. XXXII—Miscellaneous—Miscellaneous and Unforeseen charges—Rs. 7,642.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—Sir, I move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 7,642 under 'XXXII—9—Miscellaneous—Miscellaneous and unforeseen charges.'

This amount is required for payment to persons who have lost their houses in the recent floods. A list was prepared of the houses that were destroyed in the different flood affected areas and taking up each case individually I have prepared a list showing the amounts recommended to be paid for them. You wanted the list to be placed on the Table. It is so placed

Dr. A. G. Menon.—What is the highest and the lowest amount ?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—The lowest is Rs. 2 and the highest is Rs. 500.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—What is this two rupees ?

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Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—Most of the houses destroyed were huts costing only two or three rupees. I may, for the information of the House, say that the amounts to be paid were fixed in consultation with the M. L. C's. for the various areas, the Presidents of the local Panchayats and other respectable men of the locality. We all met together, went through the lists and fixed the amounts. The amounts were fixed somewhat arbitrarily, but I think we have done our best in the matter. The highest amount recommended is Rs. 500 and that is to a person named Gopalan who lost a big house worth five or six thousand rupees.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Is he a well-to-do man?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—Can't say he is a well-to-do man. His properties are all mortgaged.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—It was given as a solatium or indemnity.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—He is not a well-to-do man. I don't think any of these persons are well-to-do.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—His own residential house?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—In some cases parts have been lost. In others whole houses have been lost.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—You have not paid anybody who can afford?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—I made enquiries about that matter. The village officers said they cannot afford. They come in the list under 'ത ാ ത ായ ില ാ ത ത വർ'.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Is this Gopalan near the Karuvannur river?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—Yes. Three hundred rupees are recommended to be paid to two churches, *viz.*, the Moorkanad church and the Chirakkal church. It cannot be said that the Chirakkal church suffered in these floods.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Anyway it is to the credit of the Department that we received no complaint.

Mr. C. V. Kuriyan.—Is the whole amount to be distributed among the people who have lost their houses?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—Yes.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Does it include the rice distributed?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—No.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—That was done in 1104.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—About five hundred cases.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—More than that. About 2 thousand cases.

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Motion No. 1.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 7,642 for 'XXXII—Miscellaneous—Miscellaneous and unforeseen charges' by Re. 1.*

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I don't move the motion.

Hence it was considered withdrawn.

Motions Nos. 2—3.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 7,642 under "XXXII—9—Miscellaneous" by Re. 1.*

Do. *do.*

President.—Mr. Ramachandra Ayyar is absent.

Hence the motions were considered withdrawn.

Question proposed: *"That the additional allotment asked for be granted."*

Question put and agreed to.

Bill to amend the Cochin Penal Code.

President.—The demands are all over. We shall now pass on to the next item in the agenda, *viz.*, "the Law Member will move that the Bill to amend the Cochin Penal Code be taken up for consideration."

Mr. A. Sankara Menon.—Sir, I beg to move that the Bill to amend the Cochin Penal Code be taken up for consideration.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—I second it.

President.—After all this is a non-controversial measure.

Mr. A. Sankara Menon.—So it is open now to put that the Bill be taken into consideration to the vote of the House.

Question proposed: *"That the Bill to amend the Cochin Penal Code be taken up for consideration."*

Question put and agreed to.

Mr. A. Sankara Menon.—Sir, I move that, under Standing Order No. 41, the clauses of the Bill may be read one by one.

President.—It is better to read clause by clause. I think the preamble should be read last. I shall draw your attention to the clauses of the Bill so that they may all be formally voted by the House.

"Clause 1. This Regulation may be called 'the Cochin Penal Code Amendment Regulation of 1104' and it shall come into force at once."

Clause put and agreed to.

President.—"Clause (2). To section 346 of the said Code the following paragraph shall be added, namely:—

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